

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the examiner's letter mailed March 22, 2007.

In the paragraph numbered 5 of the detailed action, the examiner rejected claim 28. Claim 28 has been deleted. The examiner rejected claims 35, 36 and 37, these claims have also been deleted.

In paragraph 7 of the detailed action, the examiner itemized various rejections under 35 USC 112. The following changes have been made with respect to each of the claims identified. In claim 6, the word "dry" has been deleted, there is antecedent basis for the word "ash" in claim 27. In claim 8, the word "dry" has been deleted. In claim 12, the word "will" has been removed and the word "produce" has been changed to "produces" so that there is now positive process language. The same change has been made with respect to claim 32. Claim 25 has been amended to provide that there is a mixture of water, coal, ash and drying agent. Claim 39 has been amended by deleting the words "mixture of reactivated" so that the claim now refers to "said ground ash" which has antecedent support earlier in the claim.

In paragraph 8 of the examiner's action the examiner indicated that claim 38 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In light of the examiner's comments, claim 38 has been deleted and new claim 41 is presented. The new claim 41 is claim 38 rewritten with its previous dependencies 36 and 35 all presented as a single independent claim. It is believed that claim 41 is directed to the allowable subject matter identified by the examiner.

Claims 17 through 24, 26, 27 and 29 have been indicated as allowable and no change has been made to these claims.

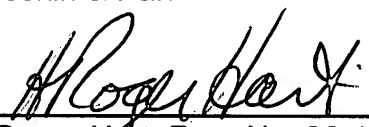
It is believed that these amendments address all of the issues raised by the examiner under 35 USC 112. It is noted that the examiner has withdrawn rejections under 35 USC 103. Accordingly, in view of the amendments made and the examiner's comments regarding allowability, it is believed that all of the claims now remaining in the case are in condition for allowance.

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In view of the number of total claims cancelled and the additional claims added and in view of the number of independent claims cancelled and added, it is believed that no additional fees are required either for independent claims or in respect of the total number of claims. If additional fees are required, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2095.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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